

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

The Lord's Day Message
"Temptation - A Way of Escape"



Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

Jordan will lead our Bible Class, Kerry will lead singing, Paul McCollum will deliver the Message. May God bless their efforts!

Our Lord's Day Plan...

~ Happy Lord's Day ~

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

I Timothy 6:9

We are praying for you!

- Charles Barry - for recovery from his sinus and respiratory illness.
Kerry Johnson - for a resolution to his knee and leg pain due to a work injury.
Rosemarie Johnson - for relief from chronic neck and neck pain.
Cindy Brown - for healing from her knee and leg injury.
Sweeti Parichha - for total recovery from her illness of the last three months.
Church of Christ - for strength to preach God's Word to all souls.

~God's Blessings to Everyone!~

Faith — Before Or After Repentance?
By Mike Riley

There are many folks in the religious world who believe and teach that repentance comes before faith, but that belief and teaching is not true according to the inspired Scriptures. Without first acquiring faith (Romans 10:17-NKJV; cf. 2 Timothy 2:15-KJV; Acts 17:10-12-NKJV), an individual would not know "what" to repent of or "why."

For example, in Acts 2, let us note the order in which faith and repentance are found. In Acts 2:37-NKJV, the Jews that Peter instructed, wanted to know what to do in order to be saved. Peter's reply was, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38-NKJV).

The question now arises, "If repentance is required before belief [faith], why were these Jews not told by Peter to repent and believe?" The simple answer is, they already believed from the inspired gospel sermon that Peter had just concluded preaching to them (Acts 2:14-36-NKJV; cf. Romans 10:17-NKJV). His sermon convicted them of their killing the Son of God — so much so, that they were "cut to the heart" — wanting to know what they needed to "do" to rectify their sinful condition (Acts 2:36-37-NKJV; cf. Acts 9:6-NKJV).

There are also those who teach that repentance and faith cannot be separated — that whenever you have the one — you have other. This teaching is false as well, because in John 12:42-43-NKJV, the Bible records these words:

"Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."

Even though many of these religious leaders [Pharisees] believed in Jesus (they had faith), they were unwilling to repent and confess Jesus as the Son of God. Thus we see that repentance and faith are two separate acts — faith [belief] always preceding repentance (note the examples of conversion in the book of Acts).



What have you done to Grow Spiritually?

New Testament Writers

- The Gospel of Matthew was written by the Apostle Matthew about (circa) A.D. 55–62.
- The Gospel of Mark was written by John Mark c. A.D. 55–62.
- The Gospel of Luke was written by the physician Luke c. A.D. 55–62.
- The Gospel of John was written by the Apostle John c. A.D. 85.
- The book of Acts was written by Luke c. A.D. 62.
- The books of Romans through Philemon were written by the Apostle Paul from c. A.D. 50 to 68 (but not in the order in which they appear in the Bible).
- The Letter to the Hebrews is of uncertain authorship (possibly Paul) and was written around A.D. 67.
- The Letter of James was written by James, the Lord’s brother, c. A.D. 48.
- Peter’s two letters were written by the Apostle Peter c. A.D. 66.
- John’s first, second, and third letters were written by John by about A.D. 90.
- The letter to Jude was written by Jude, the Lord’s brother, c. A.D. 67.
- The book of Revelation was written by John around A.D. 90-95. (Some date it A.D. 69 or A.D. 85.)

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Tragic Nature of Bible Ignorance

Former Tonight Show host Jay Leno frequently did man-on-the street interviews. Once he stopped some young people to ask them questions about the Bible. “Name one of the Ten Commandments” he asked two college-age women. One replied, “Freedom of speech?” He said to the other, “Complete this sentence: Let he who is without sin...” Her response was, “Have a good time?” Leno then asked a young man, “Who, according to the Bible, was eaten by a whale?” The confident answer was, “Pinocchio.” Such misunderstandings are both humorous and tragic. Make time for Bible study in your life!

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Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday (via Zoom) Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm

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